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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYNN), BE
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP:BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR
MRS. CARTER

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 19170; (B) BRUSSELS 18937

1. LIST OF GUESTS FOR RECEPTION GIVEN BY AMB. CHAMBERS
FOR QUEEN AND MRS. CARTER AT RUBENS CASTLE:

BELGIANS:

(MRS.) RIKA DE BACKER

ROSA (MRS. LEO) TINDEMANS

MARIE-LOUISE (MRS. HENRI) SIMONET

LUCIENNE (MRS. PAUL) VANDEN BOEYNANTS

JULIENNE (MRS. LEON) HUREZ

THESE FIVE WILL HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO MRS. CARTER AT THE
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LUNCH AT THE ROYAL PALACE. (SEE SECTION 2 FOR BIO INFO)

MR. AND MRS. ARTUR BAECK (SEE SECTION 2 THIS MESSAGE)

MR. REMY MERCKX (PRONOUNCE: MEARKS)(BORN 1930) AND MR.
MAURICE ADRIAENS (PRONOUNCE: AH DRI AHNS) (BORN 1922),
BOTH CVP ALDERMEN OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH CASTLE IS

LOCATED.

MR. BERT VAN HORENBEEK (SEE REFTEL 18937)

MARIA (MRS. BERT) VAN HORENBEEK (SEE SECTION 2 THIS MESSAGE)

MISS RIA VAN HORENBEEK (SEE REFTEL 18937)

MR. AND MRS. PAUL MAISON (SEE REFTEL 18937)

INTERPRETER

AMERICANS:

MARGARET BENNETT (WIFE OF AMB. TAPLEY BENNETT)

MIREN HINTON (WIFE OF AMB. DEANE HINTON)

GRACIELA OLSEN (WIFE OF DCM ARTHUR OLSEN)

MRS. DOBELLE

MRS. MAC BEAN

MRS. HOYT
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MR. FITZPATRICK

MR. KAUFMAN

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

RIKA DE BACKER (PRONOUNCE: DUH BOCKER): (WIFE OF A WELL-KNOWN ANTWERP AREA PHYSICIAN, WHO IS NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS.)

MRS. DE BACKER IS A SENATOR IN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS' SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY AND IS ALSO MINISTER FOR FLEMISH AFFAIRS AND FLEMISH CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

SENATOR DE BACKER IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN IN BELGIAN POLITICS TODAY. SHE CAME LATE TO POLITICS, THROUGH JOURNALISM, AFTER HER SEVEN CHILDREN HAD GROWN UP, AND HAS MADE A METEORIC RISE TO PROMINENCE. SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

ROSA TINDEMANS (PRONOUNCE: TIN DUH MENS): (WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER LEO TINDEMANS)

MRS. TINDEMANS MARRIED HER HUSBAND IN 1960 AND IS KNOWN

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AS A RELAXED, CHARMING WOMAN. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. SHE VISITED THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH HER HUSBAND IN OCTOBER 1977 AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SEEING MOUNT VERNON. SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

MARIE-LOUISE SIMONET (PRONOUNCE: SEE MOH NAY): (WIFE OF FOREIGN MINISTER HENRI SIMONET, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES)

MRS. SIMONET MARRIED HER SOCIALIST POLITICIAN HUSBAND IN 1960. THEY HAVE A SON AND A DAUGHTER. SHE EARNED A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. MRS. SIMONET WAS FORMERLY WITH ONE OF BRUSSELS' LARGEST BANKS AND IS PRESENTLY AN OFFICIAL OF BEHERMAN AND SONS, A FIRM WHICH MANUFACTURES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

LUCIENNE VANDEN BOEYNANTS (PRONOUNCE: VAN DEN BOY NONCE): (WIFE OF VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS)

MRS. VANDEN BOEYNANTS' INTERESTS CENTER ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND TRAVEL. SHE HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING ATLANTA, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. SHE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

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JULIENNE (MRS. LEON) HUREZ (PRONOUNCE: HUR AY); (WIFE OF VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, LEON HUREZ)

MRS. HUREZ IS ACTIVE POLITICALLY (PSB-FRANCOPHONE SOCIALIST) SUPPORTING HER HUSBAND AND HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST IN A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY. SHE HAS NEVER VISITED THE UNITED STATES AND SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.

MR. AND MRS. ARTUR BAECK (PRONOUNCE BOCK): MR. BAECK IS FLEMISH, OF CVP PARTY, AND IS MAYOR OF THE NEWLY AMALGAMATED TOWNSHIP OF ZEMST WHERE RUBENS CASTLE IS LOCATED.

MARIA VAN HORENBEEK:
WIFE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE FRIENDS OF RUBENS CASTLE ASSOCIATION WAS HERSELF VERY ACTIVE IN ARRANGING CONCERTS AND OTHER EVENTS AT THE RUBENS CASTLE DURING RUBENS YEAR. SHE SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH.

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